

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, PHOENIX (105-NEW) (P)

DATE: 7/24/72

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM)
AMERICAN INDIAN MATTERS

On 7/17/72, [REDACTED] Criminal Investigator, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Phoenix, advised that his agency learned that individuals affiliated with the captioned organization were active in Flagstaff, Arizona, on 7/2/72, when 7 members of this Indian protest organization were arrested by local authorities at Flagstaff and charged with promoting riot during local pow wow ceremonies. [REDACTED] stated that DENNIS BANKS and RUSSELL MEANS are among the organizers of this AIM group at Flagstaff; that both individuals have been active in AIM in the Chicago, Illinois, area. He explained that AIM is a gathering of various Indian splinter groups from Chicago and while the goals of the AIM group in Flagstaff are unknown at this time, it is known that BANKS has been active in other areas of the country and has participated in the following demonstrations:

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On 7/21/71 he participated in a disturbance at the Minneapolis Aquatennial Parade when AIM objected to the float from Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, which depicted an Indian head. He demanded that the float be removed from the parade;

On 9/9/71, BANKS and others went to Marshal University High School in Minnesota and demanded to see a teacher because they objected to a text book she was using. When told she could not see them after class, they sat outside the classroom and beat a drum until the teacher had to dismiss the class. BANKS and others invaded the Chippeua Dam property in Winter, Wisconsin, 10/2/71 demanding Indian rights to this land.

- 2 - 105-NEW (AIM)
2 - 105-NEW [REDACTED]
2 - 105-NEW (DENNIS BANKS)
② - 105-NEW (RUSSELL MEANS)
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1 - 105-3406
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On 5/21/72, BANKS participated in the demonstration at Minneapolis, Minnesota, Naval Air Base where damage was caused to Government property.

It is believed that there are approximately 40-50 individuals supporting AIM at Flatstaff and [] believes that BANKS, MEANS and others not yet identified have been attempting to organize additional demonstrations at Flagstaff. He said that Lt. [] and investigator [] Flagstaff PD, have been gaining additional information on the local AIM group activities at Flagstaff. [] is following this investigation from his desk and through his own sources in the Flagstaff area who may have additional information in the future regarding AIM and the aforementioned individuals.

According to [] sources in Phoenix have named [] at ASU, Tempe, as a possible member of AIM. [] an American Indian, is a [] at ASU and is paid through grants from BIA and ASU. [] further advised that [] wife. [] nee [] is the sister-in-law of one [] a BIA employee at Phoenix. [] is presently separated from her husband and it is believed information concerning [] activities might be developed through BIA employee []

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He further said that according to his sources in Phoenix, [] and [] both living in Phoenix, are associated with AIM and may be expected to become active with this organization in the future, particularly if AIM supports their efforts in the Phoenix area.

Phoenix indices are negative regarding AIM, [] and [] nee [] DENNIS BANKS is believed to be DENNIS JAMES BANKS, subject of Phoenix file 89-90, wherein he is named as suspect in the assault of two deputy U.S. Marshals during an illegal demonstration and occupation of the Naval Air Station, Ft. Snelling, Minnesota. RUSSELL MEANS is believed to be RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS who is also named as a suspect in the aforementioned violation at Ft. Snelling as set forth in Phoenix file 89-90.

[] and [] are the subjects of Phoenix files 105-3407 and 105-3406, respectively.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That active investigation be initiated to investigate AIM at Flagstaff, Arizona, to identify members of this group as well as their intentions regarding future demonstrations and possible violent action.

2. That liaison be maintained with Investigator [REDACTED] BIA, Phoenix, for additional information coming to his attention regarding AIM and members of this organization.

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3. That separate investigations be initiated to fully identify and develop necessary background information regarding BANKS, MEANS and [REDACTED]

File No. 105-3458

Date Received 9/22/72

From PA PD
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By _____
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☒ Yes
☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

arrest record,
Russell Charles,
means

Last Name MEANS,			First RUSSELL			Middle CHARLES			Alias, Marks & Scars NV			Arrest Number 556 307					
Residence 1714 W. Latham						Occupation Computer Oper.						D. R. Number					
Sex I	Sex M	Weight 165	Height 6'1	Hair Black	Eyes Brown	Age 27	Birthdate Nov. 10,	Birthplace 1939 S. Dak.	Soc. Sec. No. 596 354 5963	I. D. Use Only <i>One</i>							
Address 374 N. 1 Ave.				Grid AB 27	Day of Week Fri.	Date & Military Time 12-30-66 0120			Breathalyzer Operator		Serial I. D. Use Only						
Vehicle 374 N. 1 Ave.						License No.			State								
Disposition of Vehicle						Driver's License No.			State								
Code *		Complaint *		Warrant *		Code *		Complaint *		Warrant *		Code *		Complaint *		Warrant *	
13-379																	
Written Description of Charge D & D						Written Description of Charge						Written Description of Charge					

This subject observed south on ^{Details} Central from Fillmore in middle of street staggering. His breath smelled strongly of intoxicating beverages and his speech was slurred. His eyes were bloodshot and watery. This subject very unsteady on his feet. This subject was drunk.

Time Booked C137	Inator
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City of Phoenix, Arizona
Police Dep

ARREST RECORD

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Rev. 12-65

No Photo
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DATE 9-21-72

Date & Time _____
 Signature _____
 Position _____
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 Position _____

Register and Commitment: Defendant is herewith remanded to the custody of
 the Police Chief, Phoenix, Arizona, who is committed to keep such prisoner in his
 custody until sentence has been served or fine paid.

Location	Days to Serve	Due Out	Breakdown of Sentence	7 in. Total by
JAIL INFORMATION				
Recall Number	Served @ 1 For 1 _____ Served @ 2 For 1 _____ Balance Paid _____ 30 DEC 1966 Date & Time Released: _____			

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 SIG _____ SER: _____
 DATE 9-21-72

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, PHOENIX (105-3458) (C)

DATE: 9/29/72

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: RUSSELL MEANS
AMERICAN INDIAN MATTERS

Rememo of SA [REDACTED] 7/24/72.

This investigation was initiated in response to information from the BIA, Phoenix, that subject and others have been active in the American Indian Movement (AIM); that subject and others identified by BIA might be expected to participate in violent action in the Phoenix area. The details of the information from BIA is set forth in referenced memo.

Subject is believed to be RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, whose named as suspect in the assault of Deputy U.S. Marshal during an illegal demonstration and occupancy of the Naval Air Station, Ft. Snelling, Minnesota, as reported in PXfile 89-90.

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On 8/31/72, Lt. [REDACTED] Intelligence Division, Phoenix PD, advised that subject is unknown to his department.

When interviewed 9/20/72, [REDACTED] BIA, Phoenix, advised that his agency has received no information regarding whereabouts of subject and sources of information available to [REDACTED] have furnished no information to him indicating that subject is in Arizona.

Records of the Phoenix PD reviewed 9/21/72 by [REDACTED] records clerk, show that a RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, DOB 11/10/39, was arrested by this agency 12/30/66 when found intoxicated on a public street. The following descriptive data was obtained from this file:

DOB
POB
SSAN
Race
Sex
Height
Weight
Hair

11/10/39
South Dakota
596-35-5963
Indian
male
6'1"
165
brown

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The above information and physical description being submitted for this file for future reference in the event the person identified herein is identical to subject.

On 9/21/72, records of the MCSO, Phoenix, reflected no information identifiable with subject as reviewed by [redacted] Records Section.

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RECOMMENDATION:

Inasmuch as no information has come to the attention of this division as RUSSELL MEANS is active in Arizona in AIM, it is recommended no further investigation be conducted at this time; that this file be closed administratively.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This form may be submitted in legible hand printing.
2. Use separate form for each individual on whom record is requested.
3. Make effort to furnish FBI identification number, law enforcement identification number, or military service number.
4. Furnish descriptive data and fingerprint classification only when FBI number not available.
5. Indicate office for reply in lower right corner only. Also list in lower right corner all offices which should receive copies of available records. Include carbon of FD-9 for each office receiving copies and forward with original to Bureau.
6. Do not fill in block in lower left corner.

To: DIRECTOR, FBI Attention: Identification Division

Date 11/13/72

Re Russell means

Field File No. 105-3458

Furnish The Known Identification Record of the Following:

Name RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

FBI No.

Other No. SSAN: 596-35-5963

Aliases

Sex m	Race Indian	Birth Date 11/10/39	Birthplace So. Dakota	Residence
Height 6'1"	Weight 165	Build	Hair	Eyes
Fingerprint Classification		Complexion		
		Age		

Also Furnish:

- ☒ Photo
☐ Fingerprints
☐ Handwriting Specimens

Scars, marks and tattoos

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11046 PD Sioux Falls
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Identification Division's Reply 12-12-72 Return Reply to:

☐ On basis of information furnished, unable to identify:

☐ Criminal Files ☐ Civil Files ☐ All Files

☒ Record Attached

☐ Photo Attached

☒ Photo Not Available however one may be obtained from

☐ Fingerprints Attached

☐ Handwriting Specimen Attached

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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The following FBI record, NUMBER

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD San Leandro Calif	Russell Charles Means #11046	3-9-57	PT & vio of curfew	
PD San Leandro Calif	Russell Charles Means #11046	4-26-58	common drk	\$10 bail forfe
PD Los Angeles Calif	Russell C. Means #LA 467 708-M	1-18-59	drk Bkg 775889	
PD Los Angeles Calif	Russell C. Means #LA 467 708-M	12-19-59	211 PC (robb) Bkg 001537	
PD Inglewood Calif	Russell Charles Means #A-23264	6-4-60	drk in private residence	
PD Oakland Calif	Russell Charles Means #155819	9-9-62	Sec 647f PC under the influence	15 das Co Jail susp 1 yr
PD San Francisco Calif	Russell Charles Means #180373	10-27-62	G-61366-susp Sec 245 PC (A D W)	10-30-62 discharged
PD San Francisco Calif	Russell C. Means #180373	4-10-63	enrt to Los Angeles Calif (Sec 270 PC - omit to provide for a minor child.)	4-11-63 : Delivered on ch of E-23221 Enrt to Los Angeles Calif (Sec 270 PC)
SO Los Angeles Calif	Russell Charles Means #E-961126	4-12-63	fail to provide	
		Since neither fingerprints nor an identifying number which is indexed in our files accompanied your request, FBI cannot guarantee in any manner that this material concerns the individual in whom you are interested,		

Notations indicated by * ARE NOT BASED ON FINGERPRINTS IN FBI files. The notations are based on data furnished this Bureau concerning individuals of the same or similar names or aliases and ARE LISTED ONLY AS INVESTIGATIVE LEADS.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD San Fran Calif	Russell Charles Means #180373	4-1-64	no arrest probationer fr Los Angeles Co fingerprinted in compliance with Case Record keeping as per Sec 1203.10 PC (Sec 270 PC)	
PD Rapid City SDak	Russell C. Means #19389	9-26-65	DC	\$100 & 30 das susp on floater
USM Mpls Minn	Russell Charles Means #6842	5-21-71	18 USC 1302 Trespassing on a Naval Installation	Dism 11-9-71
USM Sioux Falls SDak	Russell Charles Means #8410-1495	6-6-71	Did unlawfully climb Mount Rushmore and Camp	Dism by Order of the Crt
PD Wash DC	Russell Charles Means #253 189	9-22-71	Unl Ent	
Since neither fingerprints nor an identifying number which is indexed in our files accompanied your request, FBI cannot guarantee in any manner that this material concerns the individual in whom you are interested.				

Information shown on this Identification Record represents data furnished FBI by fingerprint contributors. Where final disposition is not shown or further explanation of charge is desired, communicate with agency contributing those fingerprints.

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The following information from FBI record, NUMBER
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All descriptive factors (if any) furnished by you match
those in our identification file unless herein quoted.

Description and Related Data:

Race: White

Sex:

Height: 74"

Weight: 185 lbs

Hair: Brown

Eyes: Brown

Date and Place of Birth:

Scars and Marks: Scars left and right elbows left elbow

Address: (In 1971) 20255 Lorain Road, Fairview Park, Ohio 44126
(Mail: 2600 Church Ave., N.W. Cleveland, Ohio 44113)

Occupation: Ex. Director

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identifying number which is indexed
in our files accompanied your request,
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individual in whom you are interested.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

2 Indian activists injured by gunmen in S. Dakota fracas

United Press International

WAGNER, S. D. American Indian Movement co-founder Russell Means and another AIM leader were shot and seriously wounded early Wednesday on the Yankton Sioux Indian Reservation. Police later arrested five suspects in Sioux City, Iowa. Two of them were charged with attempted murder.

Means was shot in the abdomen. His companion, John Thomas, was hit in the neck and chest. Both men were taken to a Yankton hospital where they underwent surgery.

U.S. Attorney William Clayton of Sioux Falls, S.D., charged suspects Mike Weston and James Weddell with attempted murder, according to the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Wagner and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Minneapolis.

Three other suspects, Frances Allen Archambeau, Terry Provost and a juvenile who was not identified, were charged with being accessories after the fact in aiding the escape.

The five were being held in the Sioux City jail pending arraignment today before a U.S. magistrate in Sioux Falls, the FBI said.

The shooting occurred about 4 a.m. outside an Indian housing district home in Wagner, the main community on the reservation.

A source in Wagner quoted an unidentified witness as saying Means and Thomas stopped in front of the house in a car in which they were riding with two women.

The witness said four men emerged from the house and started firing guns into the air. When one of the women jumped out of the car and started running, one of the armed men pointed a gun at her.

Thomas got out of the car, the witness said, and told the man that if he wanted to shoot someone, he could shoot him.

The other woman started running and one of the armed men shot at her. Then one or more of the men shot Thomas and Means.

A hospital spokesman said the small caliber bullet that hit Means missed all vital organs. His condition was listed as satisfactory and Thomas was listed in serious condition.

Means and Thomas were on the reservation to plan an American Indian treaty conference scheduled for June. Thomas, of Oklahoma, is coordinator of the conference.

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PHOENIX, ARIZONA

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Editor: HAROLD K. MILKS

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Associated Press

American Indian Movement leader Russell Means was listed in satisfactory condition after being wounded in a shooting on a South Dakota Indian reservation.